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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

LALEH SHAYESTEH et al.

Application No.: 08/905,508

Filed: August 4, 1997

For: GENETIC ALTERATIONS
ASSOCIATED WITH CANCER

Examiner: Lisa B. Arthur

Art Unit: 1655

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2001 and the Notice of Appeal filed June 12, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. Enclosed is a fee authorization to extend the time for four months and a Request for Continued Examination.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, at line 10 following the priority paragraph and preceding "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION," please insert the following title and paragraph:

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